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1. The current opposition mood among members of the Berlin SED has increased since the Berlin Party Convention. Delegates to the convention have been reproached for having lacked the courage to express their opinions openly and advance the criticisms which had been made by the lower party groups. Two hundred and seventy resolutions drafted by these groups were not even read to the assembled delegates; after a fifteen-minute summary of content, they were simply turned over to the Party Executive Committee without further discussion. This is a clear indication that none of the delegates dared oppose the party machine.
2. Various delegates to the Berlin Party Convention have reported that some of the SED groups in the western sectors are already concerning themselves with the duties which they will have to fulfill after the withdrawal of the British and American troops. For example, the group in Spandau is making lists of Social Democrats who will be permitted to stay in Berlin after the British and American withdrawals and of those who will be forced to leave. Furthermore, lists are being compiled of houses which will be vacated by the one and a half million inhabitants who are expected to evacuate the city at this time.

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